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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK- JAPANESE RELATIONS

- 1. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE JUNE 27 THAT VISIT TO JAPAN BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK MAY WELL TAKE PLACE LATE IN 1973. MAIN PROBLEM RE VISIT, FIRST SUGGESTED BY CZECHS, IS IN SCHEDULING IT TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PLANNED VISITS THIS YEAR TO U. S. AND OTHER COUNTIRES.
- 2. WHETHER ANY CONCRETE NEW AGREEMENT WOULD RESULT FROM SUCH VISIT IS UNCERTAIN. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBOFF, JAPAN HAS NOT DEFINITELY DECIDED WHETHER IT WISHES TO CONCLUDE SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL AGREEMENT AS CZECHS HAVE URGED.
- 3. JAPANESE EMBOFF MENTIONED, AS FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN COMMERCIAL FIELD, THAT JAPAN AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN CO- PRODUCTION OF TRACTORS FOR USE IN RICE FIELDS. UNDER AGREEMENT CZECHS WOULD EXPORT MAJOR TRACTOR COMPONENTS TO JAPAN, WHERE TRACTORS WOULD BE ASSEMBLED CONFIDENTIAL

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AND RE- EXPORTED TO OTHER ASIAN COUNTIRES INCLUDING PERHAPS
CHINA. IN RETURN JAPAN WOULD SELL CARS HERE. JAPANESE EMBOFF
SAID PLANS CALLED FOR PRODUCTION OF ABOUT 200
LARGER- SIZE RICE TRACTORS FIRST YEAR AND 800 SECOND YEAR.

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